

1 **Chapter 13.29**
2 **STORMWATER & EROSION CONTROL ORDINANCE**

3 **ARTICLE I. INTRODUCTION**

4 **13.29.100 Findings.**

5 The board of county commissioners finds that:

- 6 A. Inadequately controlled stormwater runoff results in increased stormwater runoff
7 volumes, peak flow rates and duration of peak flows in the county's streams,
8 thereby causing flooding and safety hazards, and erosion, scouring and
9 deposition of sediment;
- 10 B. Untreated stormwater runoff discharges nutrients, metals, oil and grease, toxic
11 materials, and other forms of pollution to the county's surface and groundwater
12 resources, thereby endangering their use for recreation, drinking water and
13 fisheries;
- 14 C. Erosion and sedimentation from land-disturbing activities detrimentally affects
15 the public health, safety and general welfare in the following ways:
- 16 1. Increases the risk of flooding because streams and stormwater facilities
17 that receive excessive sediment have a reduced capacity to convey water;
- 18 2. Damages fisheries when siltation clogs spawning gravel and when
19 excessive turbidity impairs the survivability of aquatic organisms;
- 20 3. Increases public expenditures for maintenance of stormwater facilities that
21 receive excessive amounts of sediment;
- 22 4. Damages adjacent properties, including public right-of-ways, when
23 sediment is deposited on these properties; and
- 24 5. Promotes transport of nutrients to lakes causing algal blooms and oxygen
25 depletion.
- 26 D. Furthermore, erosion can best be controlled through the implementation of best
27 management practices.
- 28 E. Stormwater impacts from new development shall be prevented and controlled at
29 the time that such development occurs and that the governmental approval to
30 proceed with new development shall be so conditioned;
- 31 F. The most financially sound and most equitable method for financing the
32 improvements necessary to correct existing problems from stormwater runoff
33 and to provide and maintain surface and groundwater quantity and quality within
34 drainage basins is for the owners and occupiers of existing properties and future
35 developments within such basins to share the financial burden for such facilities
36 and corrections with other funding sources when available; and
- 37 G. The most technically and financially efficient method of addressing problems
38 caused by stormwater runoff is through basin plans.

1 **13.29.110 Purpose.**

2 The purpose of this chapter is to:

- 3 A. Prevent surface and groundwater quality degradation and prevent erosion and
4 sedimentation of creeks, streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands and other water
5 bodies;
- 6 B. Prevent damage to property from increased runoff rates and volumes;
- 7 C. Protect the quality of waters for drinking water supply, recreation, fishing and
8 other beneficial uses;
- 9 D. Establish sound developmental policies which protect and preserve the county's
10 water resources;
- 11 E. Protect county roads and rights-of-way from damage due to inadequately
12 controlled runoff and erosion;
- 13 F. Preserve and enhance the aesthetic quality of the county's water resources;
- 14 G. Protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the county;
- 15 H. Maintain existing groundwater levels, in-stream flows, and available water supply
16 volumes; and
- 17 I. Further the goals of no net negative impact caused by quantity of runoff entering
18 streams and no net negative change in the quality of runoff entering streams
19 through the implementation of best management practices.
- 20 J. Minimize erosion and control sediment from land development and land-
21 disturbing activities.

22 **13.29.120 Definitions.**

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- 24 1. "Basin" means a watershed as shown on the map attached to the ordinance
25 codified in this chapter.
- 26 2. "Basin plan" means a stormwater management plan adopted by the board and
27 meeting the requirements of RCW Chapter 36.94.
- 28 3. "Best management practice" or "BMP" means those physical, structural and
29 managerial practices, and prohibitions of practices, that, when used singly or in
30 combination,
- 31 a. prevent or reduce erosion, or
- 32 b. control stormwater runoff peak flow rates and volumes and prevent or
33 reduce pollution of surface water or groundwater.
- 34 4. "BMP manual" means the State of Washington Department of Ecology's
35 *Stormwater Management Manual for the Puget Sound Basin*, February 1992
36 Edition and updated errata sheets issued by the director as may be necessary to
37 correct clear and obvious mathematical and technical errors in manual criteria.

- 1 5. "Board" means the board of county commissioners of Clark County, state of
2 Washington.
- 3 6. "Agriculture" shall mean the use of the land for agricultural purposes, including
4 farming, dairying, pasturage, agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture and
5 wineries, apiaries, and animal and poultry husbandry, and the necessary
6 accessory uses for storing produce; PROVIDED, however, that the operation of
7 any such accessory use shall be incidental to that of normal agricultural
8 activities; PROVIDED further, that the above uses shall not include slaughter
9 houses and meat packing or commercial feeding of animals and PROVIDED
10 FURTHER that such use must occur on property that is either a) participating in
11 a current use assessment classification for agricultural land pursuant to RCW
12 84.34 or is eligible for such current use assessment classification; b) conducted
13 under a farm management plan approved by Clark Conservation District; or c)
14 conducted under a farm management plan that is approved by the Clark
15 Conservation District within two years of the adoption of this ordinance. The plan
16 shall require site-specific management measures for minimizing non-point
17 pollution from agricultural activities excluding runoff from existing buildings.
- 18 7. "Construction" means any site-altering activity, including but not limited to
19 grading, utility construction and building construction.
- 20 8. "Contributing drainage area" means the subject property together with the
21 watershed contributing water runoff to the subject property.
- 22 9. "Department" means the Clark County department of community development.
- 23 10. "Design storm" means the rainfall from a storm of twenty-four (24) hour duration.
24 For example, two (2) year storm means the two (2) year, twenty-four (24) hour
25 storm.
- 26 11. "Development" means the following activities: land disturbing activities, structural
27 development (excluding the replacement of roofs), including construction,
28 installation or ~~expansion~~ of a building or other structure; creation of impervious
29 surfaces; Class IV-General Forest Practices that are conversions from timber
30 land to other uses; and subdivisions, short subdivisions and binding site plans,
31 as defined in Chapter 58.15.020 RCW. All other forest practices and agriculture
32 are not considered new development.
- 33 12. "Development activity" means any activity meeting the applicability criteria of
34 **Section 13.29.200.**
- 35 13. "Development site" means the property or portion thereof on which a
36 development activity or redevelopment is proposed.
- 37 14. "Director" means the Director of the Department of Community Development or
38 their designee.
- 39 15. "Drainage project" means the excavation or construction of pipes, culverts,
40 channels, embankments or other flow-altering structures in any stream,
41 stormwater facility or wetland in Clark County.

- 1 16. "Erosion hazard area" means those areas where slopes are greater than fifteen
2 (15) percent.
- 3 17. "Groundwater" means water in a saturated zone or stratum beneath the surface
4 of land or below a surface water body (source: WAC 173-200-020).
- 5 18. "Impervious surface" means a hard surface area that either prevents or retards
6 the entry of water into the soil. Examples include, but are not limited to,
7 structures, walkways, patios, driveways, carports, parking lots or storage areas,
8 concrete or asphalt paving, gravel roads, packed earthen materials, haul roads
9 and soil surface areas compacted by construction operations, and oiled or
10 macadam surfaces. Open, uncovered stormwater facilities are not considered
11 impervious surfaces.
- 12 19. "Land-disturbing activity" means any activity that results in a change in the
13 existing soil cover (both vegetative and non-vegetative) and/or existing soil
14 topography. Land-disturbing activities include, but are not limited to, clearing,
15 grading, filling and excavation.
- 16 20. "Large Parcel Development" means:
- 17 a. The creation or addition of 5,000 or more square feet of new impervious
18 area; or
- 19 b. Land disturbing activities of one acre or more; PROVIDED that the
20 construction of individual detached single-family residences and duplexes
21 shall be treated as small parcel developments.
- 22 21. "Natural location" means the location and elevation of those channels, swales,
23 and other non- man-made conveyance systems as defined by the first
24 documented topographic contours existing for the development site, either from
25 maps or photographs.
- 26 22. "NPDES" means the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.
- 27 23. "Peak discharge" means the maximum stormwater runoff rate in cubic feet per
28 second determined for the design storm.
- 29 24. "Project" means the proposed action of a permit application or an approval which
30 requires a drainage review.
- 31 25. "Project engineer" means a registered professional engineer, licensed in the
32 state of Washington, experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of civil
33 engineering related to stormwater runoff control and treatment, who is
34 responsible for design and the preparation of stormwater plans and the erosion
35 control plans.
- 36 26. "Redevelopment" means on an already developed parcel, the creation or
37 addition of impervious surfaces, structural development including construction,
38 installation or expansion of a building or other structure, and/or replacement of
39 impervious surface (excluding the replacement of roofs) that is not part of a
40 routine maintenance activity; and land disturbing activities associated with
41 structural or impervious redevelopment.

- 1 27. "Regional facility" means a facility designed to treat and control stormwater runoff
2 from a contributing drainage area of at least forty (40) acres.
- 3 28. "Registered soil scientist" means a professional soil scientist registered with the
4 American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops and Soils,
5 experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of pedology related to soil
6 survey, who is responsible for design and preparation of soils maps, related soil
7 groups, and identifying soil factors for construction engineering.
- 8 29. "Roof downspout systems" mean disposal systems that infiltrate stormwater
9 runoff from roofs into the ground and meet the requirements stated in Section
10 13.29.305 (3) for these systems.
- 11 30. "Rural" means an area outside all Urban Growth Areas, Rural Centers, and
12 Urban Reserve zoning districts designated in the county Comprehensive Growth
13 Management Plan and Clark County Code.
- 14 31. "Site" means that portion of a piece of property which is directly subject to
15 development.
- 16 32. "Small Parcel Development" means:
17 a. Construction of individual, detached, single family residences and
18 duplexes; or
19 b. Creation or addition of less than 5,000 square feet of impervious surface
20 area; and
21 c. Land disturbing activities of less than one acre.
- 22 33. "Small residential project" means a single-family residential short plat or
23 subdivision of four (4) lots or less.
- 24 34. "Source Control BMP" means a BMP that is intended to prevent pollutants from
25 entering stormwater. A few examples of source control BMPs are erosion
26 control practices, maintenance of stormwater facilities, constructing roofs over
27 storage and working areas, and directing wash water and similar discharges to
28 the sanitary sewer or a dead end sump. Source control BMPs are listed in
29 Section I-4.2.1 of the BMP manual.
- 30 35. "Stormwater facility" means the natural or constructed components of a
31 stormwater drainage system, designed and constructed to perform a particular
32 function, or multiple functions. Stormwater facilities include, but are not limited to,
33 pipes, swales, ditches, open channels, culverts, storage basins, infiltration
34 devices, catch basins, manholes, dry wells, oil/water separators, and sediment
35 basins.
- 36 36. "Stormwater utility" means a publicly owned utility responsible for stormwater
37 control in a basin and established pursuant to RCW Chapter 36.89 or 36.94 and
38 in accordance with the BMP manual.
- 39 37. "Stream" shall mean those areas where surface waters flow sufficiently to
40 produce a defined channel or bed. A defined channel or bed is indicated by
41 hydraulically sorted sediments or the removal of vegetative litter or loosely rooted

vegetation by the action of moving water. The channel or bed need not contain water year-round. This definition is not meant to include irrigation ditches, canals, storm water runoff devices or other entirely artificial watercourses unless they are used to convey streams naturally occurring prior to construction. Those topographic features that resemble streams but have no defined channels (i.e., swales) shall be considered streams when hydrologic and hydraulic analyses done pursuant to a development proposal predict formation of a defined channel after development.

38. "Subregional facility" means a facility designed to treat and control stormwater runoff from more than one development in a contributing drainage area of less than forty (40) acres.
39. "Urban" means an area within an Urban Growth Area designated in the county Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.
40. "Vegetation removal" means the removal of ground cover, trees, or root systems that bind the soil.
41. "Wetlands" means those areas defined as wetlands under the Clark County Wetlands Protection Ordinance, Chapter 13.36 of this code.

ARTICLE II. APPLICABILITY

13.29.200 Applicability.

- A. Small parcel developments and large parcel developments shall implement erosion control plan(s) in conformance with Article IV and Article V.
- B. The provisions of this chapter apply to each of the following development activities or redevelopment that:
1. Results in 5,000 square feet or more of new impervious area within the rural area;
 2. Results in 2,000 square feet or more of new impervious surface within an urban area;
 3. The addition or replacement of more than 1,000 square feet of impervious surface for any of the development activities, or redevelopment listed in **13.29.305 (G) (1) and (2)**, building areas excluded; or.
 4. The platting of single-family residential subdivisions in an urban area; or
 5. If redevelopment results in 5,000 square feet or more of replaced impervious surface, then the provisions of Section 13.29.305 (C) apply.
- C. The provisions of this chapter apply to drainage projects.
- D. Provisions of this chapter apply to all land-disturbing activities except those exempted in Section **13.29.210**.
- E. Meeting the requirements of this chapter is the joint and severable responsibility of both the property owner on whose parcel the activity occurs and the person

undertaking such activity. In addition, if the land-disturbing activity involves a county-issued permit, the applicant is also responsible for meeting the requirements of this chapter.

- F. The director is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter utilizing the remedies and procedures in Title 32 of the Clark County Code.

13.29.210 Exemptions & Exceptions

- A. Exemptions shall be granted for the following conditions:

1. Commercial agricultural, and forest practices regulated under Title 222 WAC, except for Class IV General Forest Practices that are conversions from timber land to other uses, are exempt from the provisions of the minimum requirements. All other new development is subject to the minimum requirements.
2. Normal landscape maintenance activities and gardening.
3. Land disturbing activities of less than one (1) acre that do not result in additional impervious surface are exempt from the Section 13.29.305 (Water Quality) and Section 13.29.310 (Quantity Control).
4. Temporary portable school buildings are exempt from Section 13.29.305 (Water Quality) and Section 13.29.310 (Quantity Control) provided the buildings utilize roof downspout systems to infiltrate roof runoff. A final stormwater design that addresses disposal of stormwater shall be required.
5. The construction of single-family homes, duplexes, and their accessory structures may be exempted from Section 13.29.305 (Water Quality), Section 13.29.310 (Quantity Control), and Section 13.29.310 (D)_ (Conveyance), provided the following conditions are met
 - a. The development site or parcel is included in an approved stormwater facility system meeting the requirements of this chapter,
 - b. The system provides for detention or retention of runoff from residential lots; and
 - c. An erosion control plan is prepared and implemented.
6. Drainage projects that are not a part of a development activity or redevelopment under Section 13.29.305 (C) are exempt from Section 13.29.305 (Water Quality) and the director may waive all or parts of Article V (Submittal Requirements), Section 13.29.340 (Maintenance and Ownership), and Section 13.29.350 (Bonds and Insurance) if the project meets the other appropriate parts of this chapter.
7. Small residential projects that create less than two thousand (2,000) square feet of new impervious surface in urban areas and 5,000 square feet in rural areas, are exempt from Section 13.29.305 (Water Quality) and Section 13.29.310 (Quantity Control). Houses that utilize roof

downspout systems to infiltrate roof runoff may be deducted from area calculations. A final stormwater plan is required if stormwater is conveyed off site. The submittal requirements (Article V) for small residential projects are modified as follows:

- a. An abbreviated preliminary stormwater plan as outlined in Section 13.29.510 can be substituted for the preliminary stormwater plan.
- b. A Technical Information Report (Section 13.29.530(D)) shall not be required. However, sufficient information and data shall be provided with the final stormwater plan to allow the director to determine conformance with the applicable provisions of this chapter.

8. Government Agency Projects. Development activities and drainage projects undertaken by governmental agencies are exempt from Section 13.29.350 (Bonds and Insurance). 13.29

9. A preliminary stormwater plan is not required when a development is already provided for in a previously approved plan.

B. Exceptions to the requirements of this chapter may be granted prior to permit approval and construction. An exception may be granted following a public hearing, provided that a written finding of fact is prepared, that addresses the following:

1. The exception provides equivalent environmental protection and is in the overriding public interest; and that the objectives of safety, function, environmental protection and facility maintenance, based upon sound engineering, are fully met;
2. That there are special physical circumstances or conditions affecting the property such that the strict application of these provisions would deprive the applicant of all reasonable use of the parcel of land in question, and every effort to find creative ways to meet the intent of the requirements has been made;
3. That the granting of the exception will not be detrimental to the public health and welfare, nor injurious to other properties in the vicinity and/or downstream, and to the quality of waters of the state; and
4. The exception is the least possible exception that could be granted to comply with the intent of this chapter.

Prior to commencing construction, the applicant must show that no sediment can be transported from the site. No degradation of the environment or drainage facilities may result from the proposed activity, even in the absence of BMP's. Criteria for approval are non-erodible soils, runoff discharges to a temporary infiltration device, or runoff discharges to an on-site closed depression.

C. Other.

1. Construction Tolerances. The director may approve deviations of up to ten percent (10%) from an approved design utilizing a Type I procedure upon findings that water quality, water quantity control, and maintainability are not effected.
2. The director may require the revision of a previously approved preliminary or final stormwater control plan utilizing a Type I Post-Decision Review whenever the applicant proposes a modification to the previously approved activity that creates additional impacts.

ARTICLE III. STORMWATER CONTROL

13.29.300 Design Standards

Stormwater facilities shall be designed and constructed in accordance with 1998 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction, and updates as prepared by Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT); and the BMP manual.

13.29.305 Water Quality Treatment

A. General Standards.

1. All development activities and redevelopment, unless exempted in **Article II**, shall provide treatment of stormwater runoff through the use of BMPs specified in this section and in accordance with the BMP manual.
2. Treatment BMPs shall be sized to capture, hold and treat the water quality design storm, defined as 70% of the two- (2) year, recurrence interval twenty-four (24) hour storm runoff event.
3. If site conditions are appropriate and groundwater quality will not be impaired, infiltration is the preferred BMP. Direct discharge of untreated stormwater to groundwater is prohibited. All discharges to groundwater shall comply with the following state laws: the Water Pollution Control Act (90.48 RCW), the Water Resources Act (90.54 RCW), and Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington (WAC 173-200). Infiltration may be limited near public water supply wells.
4. The BMPs cited in this section shall be sited, designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements detailed in the BMP manual for each BMP, with the following exceptions:
 - a. For biofiltration swales (RB.05) and vegetative filter strips (RB.10) alternative design criteria from the publication "Biofiltration Swale Performance, Recommendations, and Design Considerations- Appendix G" by the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, Water Pollution Control Department, dated October 5, 1992 shall be used.
 - b. Where provisions of this chapter conflict with the BMP manual or other cited design guidance, this chapter shall take precedence.

1 B. Off-site Analysis.

- 2 1. All development activities and redevelopment required to prepare a final
3 stormwater control plan shall conduct an analysis of off-site water quality
4 impacts resulting from the development activity or redevelopment and
5 shall mitigate these impacts. The analysis shall extend a minimum of
6 one-fourth of a mile downstream from the development site. The
7 applicant shall use best efforts to obtain this data while respecting private
8 property. The existing conditions and potential impacts to be evaluated
9 shall include, at a minimum, but not be limited to:
- 10 a. Excessive sedimentation
11 b. Streambank erosion
12 c. Polluted discharges to ground water contributing to recharge zones
13 d. Violations of water quality standards
14 e. Spills and discharges of priority pollutants
- 15 2. Existing off-site impacts that are not affected by the development activity
16 or redevelopment do not require mitigation. However, in cases where the
17 subject property was the cause of the existing impact, it is the
18 responsibility of the applicant to either mitigate or provide technical
19 information and analysis demonstrating that no increased impact will
20 result.
- 21 3. The above mitigation, where required for streambank erosion, is in
22 addition to the basic requirement for water quantity control. The additional
23 mitigation will take the form of acceptable BMPs for downstream erosion
24 control (subsection (D)(3)). The publication entitled "Integrated
25 Streambank Protection Guidelines" published by the State of Washington,
26 Department of Fish and Wildlife, shall be utilized to guide design and
27 installation of streambank erosion BMPs within and adjacent to streams.
28 Other types of impacts will require mitigation of a type to be determined by
29 the Director.
- 30 4. All discharges to surface waters shall comply with the following state laws:
31 the Water Pollution Control Act (90.48 RCW) and Water Quality
32 Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington (WAC 173-
33 201A).
- 34 5. Except within the Lacamas Basin, treatment of runoff from sidewalks and
35 bike paths is not required if the stormwater drains away from roadways.
36 Runoff from sidewalks and bike paths that mix with roadways will require
37 treatment.

38 C. Redevelopment.

- 39 1. Where redevelopment of 5,000 square feet or more occurs with Urban
40 Growth Boundaries, Rural Centers, or Urban Reserve zoning districts, the
41 requirements of Articles II, III, and IV shall apply to that portion of the site

1 that is being redeveloped PROVIDED that non-pollution-generating land
2 disturbing activities are exempted from the Water Quality provisions of
3 Section 13.29.305 (D). Source control BMPs of Article III (Chapter I-4 of
4 the BMP manual) shall be applied to the entire parcel(s) upon which the
5 redevelopment project is occurring. A stormwater plan shall be prepared
6 and shall include a maximum five-year schedule for implementing source
7 control BMPs.

- 8 2. In addition to the above requirements, where one or more of the following
9 conditions apply, a stormwater plan shall include a maximum five-year
10 schedule for: implementing all of the water quality requirements of Article
11 III for those areas of the parcel draining into or from the redeveloped area;
12 and implementing all quantity control requirements to the maximum extent
13 practicable for the entire parcel(s) upon which the redevelopment project
14 is occurring. An adopted and implemented basin plan may be used to
15 establish redevelopment requirements that are tailored to a specific basin.

- 16 a. Existing parcel(s) greater than one (1) acre in size with fifty percent
17 (50%) or more impervious surface.
- 18 b. Parcel(s) that discharge to receiving water that has a documented
19 water quality problem shall implement all of the requirements
20 appropriate to the identified problem. The director shall maintain
21 and make available to applicants a listing of water bodies with
22 documented water quality problems.

- 23 3. An applicant may apply for a modification to the requirements of
24 Subsection (C)(2). The request for modification shall be proposed in
25 conjunction with the application for the underlying redevelopment proposal
26 in accordance with Chapter 18.600 CCC; provided, that where the
27 modification request is filed subsequent to the decision on the
28 development proposal, such request shall be processed in accordance
29 with the post-decision review procedures of CCC 18.600.110 and subject
30 to the fees listed in CCC 6.110.020. The modification application, to be
31 filed with the Department of Community Development shall include a
32 written request including the following information:

- 33 a. A map showing applicable existing conditions such as contours,
34 wetlands, significant trees, lakes and rivers, utilities, property lines,
35 existing and proposed roads and roadways, existing structures in
36 impervious areas, existing drainage conditions and flow patterns,
37 and existing stormwater facilities;
- 38 b. An analysis of existing stormwater runoff quality and quantity being
39 discharged from the entire parcel(s);
- 40 c. An analysis of the stormwater quality and quantity impacts of the
41 redevelopment proposal;
- 42 d. The requirements of Subsection (C)(2) which the applicant is
43 requesting to be modified or waived;

- e. A comparison of the cost of compliance with the Water Quality and Quantity Control requirements of Subsection (C)(2) contrasted to the costs of compliance with the Water Quality and Quantity Control requirements of Subsection(C)(1); and
 - f. An analysis of the differences in stormwater quality and quantity treatment that would result from granting the request for modification as opposed to complying with the requirements of Subsection (C)(2).
 - g. A discussion of the reasons why compliance with the requirements of Subsection (C)(2) is unduly burdensome.
4. An application to modify the requirements of Subsection (C)(2) shall be granted if it is determined that complying with those requirements would be unduly burdensome. In making this determination, consideration shall be given to the seriousness of existing stormwater quantity and quality problems generated from the site; the extent to which the stormwater problems would be aggravated by the redevelopment proposal; the degree to which the imposition of the requirements of Subsection (C)(2) would alleviate the stormwater problems; the extent to which the request for modification would lessen the treatment of the stormwater problems; the cost of complying with Subsection (C)(2) as compared to the cost of complying with the Article III requirements of Subsection (C)(1). If the cost of complying with Subsection (C)(2) is more than the cost Article III imposed by Subsection (C)(1), then it shall be presumed that Subsection (C)(2) requirements are unduly burdensome.
 5. If it is determined that full compliance with the requirements of Subsection (C)(2) would be unduly burdensome, the review authority shall determine which requirements of Subsection (C)(2) shall be imposed to provide the most effective treatment of stormwater impacts generated by the entire site without imposing an undue burden on the applicant.
 6. In the case of Public Works projects to widen or otherwise redevelop an existing road, the site for which water quality treatment is required shall include only the portion of road which fronts on, and drains to or from, the redevelopment.
- C. Standard BMPs.
1. Standard stormwater treatment BMPs shall be used to treat stormwater throughout Clark County, except for certain development activities in the Lacamas watershed as noted in Section 13.29.305 (E)(1).
 2. Acceptable standard treatment BMPs may, depending upon circumstances and site characteristics, include the following from the BMP manual (Chapters III-3, III-4, and III-6):
 - a. RI.05—WQ Infiltration basin;
 - b. RI.10—WQ Infiltration trench;

- c. RI.15—Roof downspout system;
 - d. RD.09—Constructed wetland;
 - e. RD.06—Wet pond with marsh;
 - f. RD.05—Wet pond without marsh;
 - g. RB.05—Biofiltration swale;
 - h. RB.10—Vegetative filter strip;
 - i. RF.05—Sand filtration basin;
 - j. RF.10—Sand filtration trench.
 - k. Cartridge filters utilizing compost, perlite, and geolite.
3. Acceptable BMP's for downstream erosion control may, depending upon circumstances and site characteristics, include the following from the BMP manual:
- a. E1.25—Preserving natural vegetation
 - b. E1.30—Buffer zones
 - c. E1.35—Permanent seeding and planting
 - d. E1.40—Sodding
 - e. E1.45—Topsoiling
 - f. E2.70—Outlet protection
 - g. E2.75—Riprap
 - h. E2.80—Vegetative streambank stabilization
 - i. E2.85—Bioengineering methods of streambank stabilization
 - j. E2.90—Structural streambank stabilization
 - k. The applicant may elect to provide additional BMPs in accordance with the following chapters and sections of the BMP manual as a method of mitigating offsite impacts:
 - i. Chapter III-4.2 Runoff Treatment and Streambank Erosion Control
 - ii. Section III-4.2.1 Background
 - iii. Section III-4.2.2 Mechanisms of Pollutant Removal
 - iv. Section III-4.2.3 Classification of Detention BMP's
 - v. Chapter III-4.3 General Design Criteria
 - vi. Section III 4.3.1 Hydrologic Analysis
 - vii. Section III-4.3.2 Sizing Detention BMP's for Runoff Treatment

viii. Section III-4.3.3 Sizing Detention BMP's for Streambank Erosion Control

4. Sand filtration BMPs (RF.05 and RF.10) are not allowed on commercial or industrial sites where the effluent from the treatment systems will drain to groundwater.
5. For biofiltration swales and vegetative filter strips, the hydraulic residence used for design shall be no less than nine (9) minutes. Swale slopes, however, may be no less than one percent (1%) unless underdrains are provided. Swales shall have a free discharge. When placed within a detention basin, calculations shall be provided that demonstrate that the peak stage during the water quality design storm is lower than the minimum swale elevation.
6. Permanent infiltration BMPs shall not be used as temporary erosion control devices.
7. Alternative roof downspout systems that provide an equivalent level of performance to the system in the BMP manual (RI.15) may be approved by the director. Roof downspout systems can be constructed without observation wells.

D. Advanced BMPs for Nutrient Control.

1. Advanced control of nutrients is required in the Lacamas watershed above the dam at the south end of Round Lake, for all development sites exceeding one (1) acre in size. All water leaving the site during the water quality design storm shall be treated.
2. Acceptable BMP's for achieving advanced nutrient control may, depending upon circumstances and site characteristics, include the following from the BMP manual (Chapters III-3 and III-4):
 - a. RI.05—WQ Infiltration basin;
 - b. RI.10—WQ Infiltration trench;
 - c. RI.15—Roof downspout system;
 - d. RD.09—Constructed wetland;
 - e. RD.06—Wet pond with marsh;

E. Source Control BMPs. In addition to the other water quality treatment requirements in this section, commercial, industrial and public works development activities and redevelopment shall, to the maximum practicable, be designed in accordance with Chapter IV of the BMP manual and utilize BMPs specified in Chapters IV-2, IV-3 and IV-4 of the BMP manual.

F. Oil/Water Separators.

1. Development activities or redevelopment creating the following facilities require API or CPS-type oil/water separators:
 - a. Industrial machinery and equipment, trucks and trailer aircraft,

- parts and aerospace, railroad equipment;
 - b. Log storage and sorting yards;
 - c. Airfields and aircraft maintenance;
 - d. Fleet vehicle yards;
 - e. Railroads;
 - f. Gas stations;
 - g. Retail/wholesale vehicle and equipment dealers;
 - h. Vehicle maintenance and repair;
 - i. Construction businesses such as paving, heavy equipment storage and maintenance, storage of petroleum products. (This does not include construction sites);
 - j. Other activities that exhibit a significant risk of high oil loading in runoff.
2. Development activities and redevelopment creating the following facilities shall require spill control (SC) type oil/water separators:
 - a. Restaurants;
 - b. Multifamily residential development activities creating parking spaces for twenty-five (25) or more vehicles;
 - c. Other activities where the risk of oil spills or illegal dumping of oil or grease is significant.
 3. For development activities and redevelopment cited in **subsections (G)(1) and (2)** above, oil/water separators shall not be required on portions of a site where the risk of oil or grease spills or dumping is minimal.
 4. Oil/water separators shall be designed in accordance with Chapter III, Section III-7 of the BMP manual.
- G. Infiltration BMPs on Industrial and Commercial Sites.
1. Infiltration of stormwater runoff shall not be allowed on commercial industrial sites that, due to location or the proposed use, pose a significant threat of contamination to groundwater.
 2. Approval for use of infiltration BMPs (RI.05-30 in the BMP manual) on industrial and commercial sites, including gas stations, shall be conditioned on all the following criteria, unless found inappropriate by the director:
 - a. Analysis of the potential for groundwater contamination from the site. This analysis shall include a soils and groundwater evaluation if deemed appropriate by the director.
 - b. Demonstration that no other feasible alternative exists for disposing of stormwater from the site.

c. A "State Waste Discharge Permit," as described in WAC 173-216, obtained from the State Washington Department of Ecology, where required by the state, and other state permits and approvals as appropriate.

3. The requirements of subsection (H)(1) above shall not apply to runoff from portions of a site where the risk of groundwater contamination is no greater than single-family residential sites. Examples of these areas include rooftop drainage, runoff from undeveloped portions of a site, and drainage from portions of parking lots where the risk of illegal dumping is minimal.

4. In cases where infiltration is allowed on commercial and industrial sites and a significant risk of groundwater contamination exists, the director may require groundwater monitoring to insure against groundwater contamination. The director may also require an agreement from the applicant for full mitigation in the event of groundwater contamination.

5. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to non-industrial and non-commercial sites that are defined under the NPDES permit system as industrial due to temporary construction activity.

H. Experimental BMPs.

1. Experimental best management practices are those which have not been fully tested and evaluated by the county or the Department of Ecology and are not included as accepted practices in this code or the BMP Manual. Experimental BMPs that are adequately tested and proven effective shall be incorporated into this chapter as standard or accepted BMPs in the future.

2. Experimental BMPs may be allowed if all the following conditions are met:

- a. The experimental BMP usage is part of a Department of Ecology or Clark County research project;
- b. Monitoring of the effluent quality produced by the BMP, as well as influent quality, will be conducted for at least two (2) years;
- c. Results of the research will be published;
- d. Financing is available to construct the BMP, conduct the testing and publish the results.

I. Drainage Structure Labeling and Signage.

1. All catch basins and manholes capable of accepting stormwater shall be stenciled. For infiltration systems stenciling shall read: "Please protect—Drains to Drinking Water".
2. For facilities draining to surface waters the stenciling shall read: "Please protect—Drains to (name of water body)".
3. Signs shall be installed along water quality biofiltration systems that read:

“Water Quality Filter—Please Leave Vegetated”.

4. Fenced detention and retention basins shall be marked with a sign that reads “[Public/Private] Stormwater Control Facility”.

13.29.310 Quantity Control.

A. General Standards.

1. All development activities and redevelopment, unless exempted in **Article II**, shall provide quantity control of stormwater runoff in accordance with the requirements of this section.
2. Natural drainage flow routes to streams and wetlands shall be maintained, and discharges from the site shall occur at the natural location and elevation, to the maximum extent practicable.
3. Transfer of runoff from one basin to another shall not be allowed.
4. Surface water exiting a parcel shall be discharged with adequate energy dissipaters within the development site to prevent downstream damage.
5. In addition to the requirements of **Chapter 18.327 CCC**, Flood Plain Combining District, no reduction of existing conveyance capacity and no net loss of existing storage capacity for the one hundred (100) year storm is permitted in special flood hazard areas as defined in **Section 18.327.045(B)**. This requirement shall also apply to all areas within the limits of the existing one hundred- (100) year floodplain, as determined by hydrologic/hydraulic computations in accordance with this chapter, for all streams and man-made channels within Clark County.
6. Where provisions of this chapter conflict with the BMP manual or other cited design guidance, this chapter shall take precedence.
7. No development within an urban growth area shall be allowed to materially increase or concentrate stormwater runoff onto an adjacent property or block existing drainage from adjacent lots. This requirement shall not apply to existing drainageways. This shall apply to all new residential lots less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in size and all nonresidential developments within the urban growth area created after September 10, 1996. Alterations or remodels that increase the building footprint by less than fifty percent (50%) are exempt from this provision.
8. All lots within the urban growth area must be designed to provide positive drainage from bottom of footings to an approved stormwater system. Positive drainage may be accomplished by swales, drywells, french drains, laterals to the street, laterals behind the curb or within a public utility easement, an approved backyard or side yard system, or some other method acceptable to the building official and/or Director.

B. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis.

1. Hydrologic and hydraulic analysis shall be in accordance with Chapters III-

1 and III-2 of the BMP Manual, with the following exceptions:

- a. Table III-1.6, "Hydrologic Soil Groups for Soils in the Puget Sound Basin" is replaced by "Hydrologic Soil Groups for Soils in Clark County". (Source: SCS TR-55, Second Edition, June 1986, Exhibit A-1. Revisions made from SCS, Soils Interpretation Record, Form #5, September 1988.) Alternatively, hydrological soil groups can be developed by registered soil scientist using criteria set in the USDA, SCS National Soils Handbook.
- b. Appendix AIII-1.1, "Isopluvial Maps for Design Storms" is replaced by "Isopluvial Maps for Design Storms in Clark County". (Source: NOAA Atlas 2, "Precipitation—Frequency Atlas for the Western United States, Volume IX—Washington.")
- c. The "HEC-1 Flood Hydrograph Package" computer program, developed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is an acceptable hydrologic computation program for use in Clark County.
- d. Design of stormwater collection systems shall be in accordance with Hydraulic Engineering Circular #12, "Drainage of Highway Pavements," 1984 Edition, published by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

2. Table III-1.3, "SCS Western Washington Runoff Curve Numbers" of the BMP Manual shall be used to calculate predevelopment and post-development runoff with the following constraints:

- a. Predevelopment land use shall be established as the use over the last thirty (30) years which results in the least amount of site runoff, as demonstrated by evidence acceptable to the director. Acceptable evidence may include, but not be limited to 30-year old aerial photos, crop history or tax assessor records.
- b. Redevelopment of existing sites less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet in area can assume predevelopment land use equivalent to the facility being redeveloped.

C. Design Methodology for Quantity Control Facilities.

1. Except as limited by **Section 13.29.305 (H)** for commercial and industrial sites, infiltration of the one hundred (100) year storm is the preferred method for all stormwater disposal from development sites where local soil types and groundwater conditions are suitable (in general, soils classified as A-1-a, A-1-b, A-3, A-2-4, and A-2-5 as defined in AASHTO Specification M145) provided that water quality treatment as detailed in **Section 13.29.305** is provided prior to infiltration. Soil suitability for infiltration shall be determined by a qualified geo-technical engineer through both approved field testing and laboratory testing.

2. The design infiltration rate for infiltration systems shall be limited to one-half (1/2) the measured infiltration rate. Infiltration rates shall be tested on-site for all soils. The Director may require a representative drywell be tested after completion of the stormwater improvements to verify design infiltration rates. The test results shall be submitted to the county by the project engineer prior to completing construction of the stormwater facilities. Redesign may be required if tested rates are less than those utilized in the design. The tests may be waived during preparation of the preliminary plans if the engineer presents credible test results from adjacent or nearby (less than one-quarter (1/4) mile) properties.
3. The director may allow the base of infiltration facilities to be less than three (3) feet above seasonal high water or an impermeable layer if the quality and quantity control requirements of this chapter can be met and a groundwater mounding analysis verifies that the facility will function as required
4. For surface runoff leaving a development site, the following criteria shall be met:
 - a. The peak release rate for the two (2) year design storm after development shall not exceed one-half (1/2) the pre-developed two (2) year design storm peak runoff rate.
 - b. The peak release rate for the ten (10) and one hundred (100) year design storms after development shall not exceed the respective predevelopment design storm peak rates.
 - c. After meeting the requirements of (i) and (ii) above, the pond volume shall be increased by either the following multiplication factor F: $F = (\text{composite curve number} / 46) - 0.6$ or by using Figure III-1.1 in section III of the BMP Manual. This correction factor is to be applied to the volume of the pond without changing its depth or the design of its outlet structure, which shall result in an increase in surface area.
5. To insure the standards in this section are met, the volume available for storing runoff in a stormwater facility shall be increased to allow for storage of high seasonal groundwater and/or ordinary high water.
6. Residential and commercial structures shall be designed to direct roof runoff to downspout roof systems in areas that contain soils of AASHTO M145 types A-1-a, A-1-b, A-3, A-2-4, and A-2-5 where the measured infiltration rate is equal to or greater than eight (8) inches per hour. The system shall be designed to discharge a minimum two- (2) year twenty-four (24) hour design storm into the ground. Runoff from roofs during the ten and one hundred-year storms shall be included in the post-development design flow of the site facility(s) unless provided for in the roof system. Infiltration tests shall be provided for all proposed roof downspout systems prior to final stormwater plan approval. Infiltration is

not required in the rural area, or in erosion hazard areas as defined in **Section 13.29.120 (33)**.

7. The Director may waive this requirement upon written findings by a qualified geo-technical engineer demonstrating that such infiltration is unsuitable and roof runoff is conveyed to an approved water quantity control facility.
8. Design of stormwater control facilities shall be in accordance with the following methods from the BMP Manual (Chapters III-1 and III-3):
 - a. Section III-1.4.4—Hydrograph Routing;
 - b. Section III-1.4.5—Hydrograph Summation and Phasing;
 - c. Section III-1.4.6—Computer Applications;
 - d. Section III-1.5—Closed Depression Analysis;
 - e. Section III-3.3—Feasibility Analysis and General Limitations for Infiltration BMP's;
 - f. Section III-3.4—General Design Criteria for Infiltration and Filtration BMP's;
 - g. Section III-3.5—Construction and Maintenance;
 - h. Section III-4.3—General Design Criteria;
 - i. Section III-4.4—Standards and Specifications for Detention Ponds.

D. Conveyance Systems.

1. Open channel conveyance systems incorporating water quality treatment, habitat improvement and emergency overland flood relief routes shall be utilized to the maximum extent practicable.
2. Stormwater conveyance elements to transport water within and from a development activity site shall be sized to carry flows from the “design storm” from the contributing drainage area based upon the projected full build-out of that contributing drainage area, and be fully compatible with existing downstream conveyance elements and flow conditions.
3. For stormwater conveyance design, the “design storms” shall be as follows:
 - a. Ten (10) year storm: contributing drainage areas less than forty (40) acres;
 - b. Twenty-five (25) year storm: contributing drainage areas of forty (40) acres or more;
 - c. One hundred (100) year storm: culverts with contributing drainage areas greater than two hundred (200) acres, culverts in areas of special flood hazard as described in Federal Emergency Management Agency FIRM maps and reports for Clark County, culverts where upsizing in order to meet design requirements for

the one hundred (100) year storm is required.

4. Development sites shall be planned to be able to pass a one-hundred (100) year storm through the site.
5. Closed conveyance system elements shall be designed to operate in an open flow, not pressure flow regime except during the 100-year storm.
6. Runoff from the one hundred (100) year storm may leave pipes and channels but shall not rise to elevations more than two (2) feet below that of the lowest finished floor of buildings.
7. For the ten (10) year storm, street ponding shall be limited to one-half (1/2) of the roadway area and shall not exceed the capacity of the inlet or produce a flow depth of greater than 0.12 feet at the edge of the travel lane.
8. For roadway flooding conditions during the one hundred (100) year storm, one travel lane in either direction shall remain open to emergency vehicles at all times. A travel lane will be considered to be open to emergency vehicles if the maximum depth of flow in the travel lane does not exceed 0.5 feet.
9. For parking lot flooding conditions during the one hundred- (100) year storm, the maximum depth of ponding shall not exceed 1.5 feet. Storage volumes resulting from ponding in street and parking lot areas may be used to meet the storage requirements of subsection (3) of this section for the one hundred- (100) year storm.
10. Design of conveyance systems shall be in accordance with Chapter III-2 of the BMP Manual.
11. Design of bridge stormwater systems shall be in accordance with the State of Washington Department of Transportation Bridge Design Standards, 1991 Edition.
12. Stormwater easements shall be provided to the county for access and maintenance of all conveyance systems (including streams, if utilized) within the development site, which are to be maintained by the county. The minimum widths of easements shall be as follows, although the director may require increased widths when necessary to insure adequate area for equipment access and maintenance:
 - a. Pipes with an inside diameter less than or equal to thirty-six (36) inches: twenty (20) feet;
 - b. Pipes with an inside diameter greater than thirty-six (36) inches: twenty (20) feet plus the pipe's inside diameter;
 - c. Pipes shall be located with their center line no closer than one-quarter (1/4) the easement width from an adjacent property line;
 - d. Channels: top width of channel plus fifteen (15) feet on one side.

13. No buildings or other structures that prevent access are permitted within easements. Fences crossing easements shall provide gates of sufficient width over the easement for access by maintenance vehicles.

E. Discharge to Large Water Bodies. Development activities and redevelopment meeting all the following criteria are exempt from the quantity control requirements of **subsections (3)(d) and (e) of this section**:

1. The runoff from the development activity or redevelopment directly enters one of the following water bodies through a pipe or other approved discharge structure:

- a. Columbia River;
- b. Lacamas and Round Lakes;
- c. North Fork Lewis River;
- d. Vancouver Lake;
- e. Lake River.

2. Runoff is treated in accordance with the requirements of **Section 13.29.305**.

3. The discharge structure is designed to avoid erosion during all storms up to the one hundred- (100) year storm.

4. If an existing discharge structure is used:

- a. The structure must meet the requirements of **subsection (E)(3) of this subsection**; and
- b. The discharge structure and conveyance system leading to the discharge must have adequate capacity to meet the requirements of this chapter.

13.29.315 Location of Stormwater Facilities

A. Treatment, runoff control and recharge facilities shall be located prior to the point of discharge into a stream, lake or fish-bearing water or prior to discharge to groundwater.

B. Locations of stormwater facilities in relation to wetlands are specified in the Wetlands Protection Ordinance, Clark County Code Chapter 13.36.

C. Stormwater facilities, other than closed conveyance systems, shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from existing and proposed on-site sewage system drainfields.

D. Infiltration systems used for stormwater disposal shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from domestic water supply wells.

E. Swales and other stormwater treatment facilities using biofiltration shall be located outside easements and corridors used by phone, electric, water, natural gas, and other utilities unless the utilities are installed prior to construction of the

1 biofiltration system.

2 F. Sites used for stormwater treatment and runoff control facilities shall be owned
3 by the applicant, county or state and:

4 1. If the county or state owns the site, a letter from the responsible agency
5 allowing use of the site for stormwater control shall be submitted with the
6 preliminary stormwater plan.

7 2. If the county or state does not own the site, the ownership shall be
8 included for consideration with the land use application for the
9 development activity.

10 G. Stormwater treatment and control facilities in urban residential subdivisions and
11 short plats shall be located on separate tracts which are recommended, but not
12 required, to meet minimum zoning lot size requirements. The plat or other
13 dedication instrument shall indicate tract disposition in the event of county
14 abandonment or vacation.

15 **13.29.320 Protection of Infiltration Systems from Erosion**

16 Stormwater infiltration systems shall be isolated and protected from sedimentation due
17 to erosion during the construction phase of a development activity or drainage project.
18 Furthermore, use of infiltration systems shall be minimized until the erodible parts of a
19 site are stabilized with adequate vegetation.

20 **13.29.325 Fencing of Stormwater Facilities**

21 A. Stormwater treatment and runoff control facilities located in or adjacent to
22 residential areas shall be fenced unless these facilities are constructed as part of
23 a development amenity such as a park or the director waives the fencing
24 requirement due to special circumstances.

25 B. Stormwater treatment and runoff control facilities, other than those described in
26 **subsection (A)** above, shall be fenced if they pose safety risks to the public.

27 C. The size and type of fence shall be determined by the director.

28 **13.29.330 Side Slopes of Stormwater Facilities**

29 A. For maintenance, safety, and stability reasons, side slopes of stormwater
30 facilities normally shall be no steeper than three to one (3:1) within the area of
31 submergence.

32 B. For facilities to be maintained by the county, vertical slopes are allowed if all the
33 following conditions are met:

34 1. No more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the perimeter of the
35 stormwater facility shall have vertical sides.

36 2. Vertical sides more than three (3) feet high shall be fenced.

37 3. Access for maintenance of facilities satisfactory to the director shall be

provided.

4. Side slopes in a biofiltration treatment area shall be no steeper than three to one (3:1).

C. For facilities that will not be maintained by the county, slopes steeper than three to one (3:1) are allowed if all the following conditions are met:

1. Side slopes in a biofiltration treatment area shall be no steeper than three to one (3:1).
2. Adequate long-term erosion control is provided.
3. No more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the perimeter of the stormwater facility shall have vertical sides.
4. Vertical sides more than three (3) feet high shall be fenced.
5. The maintenance and operations manual for the facility shall demonstrate that the facility can be maintained.

D. Side slopes steeper than two to one (2:1) may be allowed by the director for specialized development activity, such a streambank reconstruction, where all the following conditions are met:

1. Side slopes do not need to be mowed.
2. Adequate long-term erosion control and slope stability is provided.

13.29.340 Maintenance and Ownership

A. County ownership of stormwater facilities; when required. County ownership of stormwater facilities is required for all such facilities that are to be located within a public right-of-way or for which arrangements for private long-term maintenance which are acceptable to the director have not been made.

B. Acceptance of ownership by the county.

1. Provisional acceptance. Stormwater facilities, which are to be owned by the county, will be provisionally accepted for ownership upon the approval of the record drawings and approval of an inspection of the facilities by the county. Provisional acceptance of the facilities shall not relieve the applicant from any obligation to undertake any remedial measures to correct deficiencies in the design, construction, maintenance or operation of the facilities.
2. Final acceptance of ownership by the county. No sooner than 18 months following the provisional acceptance of the facilities, the applicant shall notify the director that the facilities are eligible for final acceptance of ownership by the county. Prior to their final acceptance for ownership, the facilities shall be inspected to determine that they are in satisfactory condition. The director may require the applicant to conduct tests of the facilities to reasonably demonstrate that they are operating as designed and to the county standards for quality and quantity control as a condition

1 of final acceptance. Upon approval of the facilities by the director and all
2 necessary ownerships and easements entitling the county to properly
3 access and maintain the facilities have been conveyed to the county and
4 recorded with the county auditor, they will be finally accepted for
5 ownership by the county.

6 C. Maintenance of stormwater facilities.

7 1. County owned facilities.

8 a. Initial maintenance and repair. For a period of at least 2 years
9 following the provisional acceptance of stormwater facilities or
10 thereafter until the facilities are finally accepted by the county, the
11 applicant constructing the facilities shall maintain, repair, redesign,
12 reconstruct the facilities to ensure that they operate as designed
13 and to the county standards for quality and quantity control. This
14 obligation shall extend to remedying any damage caused to the
15 facilities by builders or other third parties during the initial
16 maintenance period. The required maintenance shall be performed
17 according to county's Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Manual as
18 adopted by Chapter 13.26A CCC.

19 During the initial maintenance period, remedial work to correct
20 deficiencies shall be the responsibility of the applicant and shall be
21 completed prior to final acceptance. Required remedial work to
22 correct maintenance and construction deficiencies shall be
23 completed by the applicant prior to final acceptance.

24 b. Long-term maintenance. Following their final acceptance for county
25 ownership, the county shall maintain stormwater facilities.

26 2. Privately owned facilities.

27 a. Responsibility for maintenance. For stormwater facilities for which
28 the county will not provide long-term maintenance, the applicant
29 shall make arrangements with the existing or future (as
30 appropriate) occupants or owners of the subject property for
31 assumption of maintenance to the county's Stormwater Facilities
32 Maintenance Manual as adopted by Chapter 13.26A CCC. The
33 director prior to county approval of the final stormwater plan shall
34 approve such arrangements. Final plats shall include a note
35 specifying the party(s) responsible for long-term maintenance of
36 stormwater facilities.

37 The county may inspect privately maintained facilities for
38 compliance with the requirements of this chapter. If the parties
39 responsible for long-term maintenance fail to maintain their facilities
40 to acceptable standards, the county shall issue a written notice
41 specifying required actions to be taken in order to bring the facilities
42 into compliance. If these actions are not performed in a timely
43 manner, the county shall take enforcement action and recover from

parties responsible for the maintenance in accordance with Section 32.04.060 of this code.

- b. Easements required. Easements or a covenant acceptable to the director shall be provided to the county for purposes of inspection of privately maintained facilities. The minimum dimensions of easements for stormwater facilities are as follows:
- c. Pond design and easements shall allow access to all areas within the pond and drainage structures by standard maintenance equipment vehicles;
- d. Widths of easements for conveyance facilities shall be as detailed in **Section 13.29.310(D)(13) and (14)**.

13.29.345 Recovering Costs of Stormwater Facilities

- A. The following costs associated with stormwater facilities may be recoverable through latecomers agreements (RCW 35.91.010):
 - 1. Over-sizing on-site facilities above their existing capacity or the capacity required for the proposed development;
 - 2. A proportionate share of the total cost of off-site facilities.
- B. If a stormwater utility exists, the costs for building or over-sizing a stormwater facility may be eligible as a credit against applicable system development charges.

13.29.350 Bonds and Insurance

- A. Performance Security. In lieu of completing required stormwater facilities within a preliminary plat prior to recording, the applicant shall post a performance bond or other security acceptable to the director in the amount of 150% of the estimated cost (prepared by the project engineer) of completing construction per the approved stormwater plan. After determination by the director that all facilities are constructed in compliance with the approved plan, are performing their intended functions in a satisfactory manner, and that the maintenance bonding requirements of **Section 13.29.340** are met, the performance bond or security shall be released. No building permits shall be issued until the stormwater facilities are completed and provisionally accepted.
- B. Maintenance Security. In cases identified in **Section 13.29.340 (B)**, a maintenance bond or other security acceptable to the director shall be posted and maintained throughout the two (2) year initial maintenance period for a stormwater facility.

13.29.355 Basin plans

- A. Basin plans are strategies for a watershed designed to protect and enhance surface and groundwater within a watershed.

- 1 B. Where conflicts occur, the policies and standards in an adopted basin plan shall
2 supersede the other requirements of this chapter which shall be equal to or
3 exceed the requirements of this chapter.
- 4 C. To be valid, basin plans must be stamped by a registered professional engineer,
5 adopted by the Board, meet the requirements of RCW Chapter 36.94, and
6 incorporated into this chapter.

7 **13.29.360 Regional and subregional facilities**

- 8 A. If regional or subregional facilities are used to meet some or all of the standard
9 requirements of **Article III**, the following conditions shall be met:
- 10 1. Stormwater runoff shall be transported from a development site to a
11 regional/subregional facility through a pipe or man-made open channel
12 conveyance system.
- 13 2. If the regional/subregional facility does not yet exist, interim quantity
14 control and treatment methods shall be used to meet the standard
15 requirements of **Article III**. All interim methods shall be reviewed and shall
16 require written approval by the director.
- 17 3. The facility must have sufficient capacity to provide the treatment and
18 quantity control specified in **Article III**.
- 19 4. A written commitment from the owner of the facility, or the director in the
20 case of county- owned facilities, shall be provided that allows use of the
21 facility by the applicant.
- 22 5. The county encourages the use of regional and subregional stormwater
23 facilities. Review of designs of these types of facilities shall be expedited
24 by the county and receive priority review.
- 25 B. Where a stormwater utility exists, a system development charge can be
26 assessed for use of a regional/sub-regional facility.

27 **13.29.365 Record drawings.**

- 28 A. Record drawings which accurately represent the development site as
29 constructed shall be provided to Clark County prior to: the issuance of building
30 permits for single-family/duplex residential subdivisions; the issuance of
31 occupancy permits for development activities subject to site plan review; and
32 within sixty (60) days following completion of construction of other development
33 activities.
- 34 B. The record drawings shall include corrected engineering plans for the stormwater
35 system, showing constructed dimensions and elevations. In addition, revisions to
36 the final stormwater plan shall be submitted with the record drawings where
37 changes which take place during construction significantly alter the calculations
38 and assumptions contained in the plan.
- 39 C. All plans submitted shall be reproducible and on mylar.

- 1 D. The record drawing submittal shall be stamped, signed and dated by a licensed
2 professional engineer, registered in the state of Washington.
- 3 E. Record drawings are requested to be submitted on computer disk in a format
4 determined by the county, upon notice to do so.

5 **13.29.370 Substantially Complete**

6 The following exceptions apply to single-family/duplex residential subdivisions:

- 7 A. The director may approve the issuance of building permits for up to fifty percent
8 (50%) of the lots after the stormwater and road improvements are substantially
9 complete. Substantial completion is defined as:
- 10 1. Following inspection, stormwater facilities are operational and constructed
11 to county standards;
- 12 2. Streets are constructed and at least one lift of asphalt is installed when
13 paving is required;
- 14 3. The development activity is in full compliance with this chapter.
- 15 B. Building permits for “model homes” may be approved subject to the following
16 conditions:
- 17 1. One model home per subdivision, unless there are more than twenty (20)
18 lots, in which case one additional model home per each additional twenty
19 (20) lots or fraction thereof;
- 20 2. The director must approve the applicant's selection of the lot(s) for the
21 model home(s);
- 22 3. Emergency access and fire hydrants, where required, must be provided
23 for model homes.

24 **ARTICLE IV. EROSION CONTROL**

25 **13.29.400 Small Parcel Development Requirements**

- 26 A. Construction Access. Construction vehicle access shall be limited, wherever
27 possible, to only one (1) route. Access points shall be stabilized with two (2) to
28 four (4) inch diameter gravel to minimize tracking of sediment (mud) onto public
29 roads. Vehicles not performing a construction activity shall not be permitted off-
30 street. Worker personal vehicles shall be parked on adjacent streets or other
31 approved areas.
- 32 B. Stabilization of Denuded Areas. All exposed and un-worked soils shall be
33 stabilized by suitable application of BMPs, including but not limited to sod or
34 other vegetation, plastic covering, mulching, or application of ground base on
35 areas to be paved. All BMPs shall be selected, designed, and maintained in
36 accordance with the BMP manual. From October 1 through April 30, no soils
37 shall remain exposed for more than 2 days. From May 1 through September 30,

no soils shall remain exposed for more for 7 days. Construction materials such as lumber shall be delivered and stored on designated locations that are stabilized and protected from erosion. All sidewalk areas shall be pre-graded and stabilized for use as sediment traps.

- C. Protection of Water Bodies and Adjacent Properties. Water bodies and adjacent properties shall be protected from sediment deposition by appropriate use of vegetative buffer strips, sediment barriers or filters, dikes, mulching, or by a combination of these measures and other appropriate BMPs. Each owner, builder, or permit holder shall install and maintain inlet protection on storm drain inlets impacted from construction activity on their site.
- D. Maintenance. All erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be inspected and maintained and repaired as needed to ensure continued performance of their intended function. Maintenance and repair shall be conducted in accordance with the BMP manual or approved site plans. A maintenance log for private facilities shall be provided and kept as a permanent record. The maintenance log shall be in a designated on-site location. Uncompleted construction sites shall be inspected at least once a week and after each rainfall and shall be repaired if needed. An inspection log shall be maintained from the beginning of construction until the completion of the warranty period and final project inspection.

13.29.410 Large Parcel Development Requirements

- A. Construction Access Route. Construction vehicle access shall be limited to specific access points. Access points shall include a temporary sedimentation pond or other approved BMP to contain or treat wash water from construction vehicles. Use of more than one (1) access point shall require approval of the Director. Access points shall be stabilized with two-inch diameter gravel to minimize the tracking of sediment (mud) onto public roads. Evidence of tracking of material from a construction site may require construction activities to cease until corrections are made.
- B. Sediment Removal from Roadways. If sediment is transported onto a road surface, the roads shall be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the work day, or more often if necessary. Significant soil deposits shall be removed from roads by shoveling or sweeping. Street washing, which must be approved by the director, shall be allowed only after sediment is removed in this manner. Prior to washing, all inlets and down-stream facilities must be protected.
- C. Delineate Clearing and Easement Limits. At the site, mark clearing limits and/or any easements, setbacks, sensitive/critical areas and their buffers, trees and drainage courses.
- D. Stabilization and Sediment Trapping. All exposed and unworked soils shall be stabilized by suitable application of BMPs. From October 1 to April 30, no soils shall remain unstabilized for more than two (2) days. From May 1 to September 30, no soils shall remain unstabilized for more than seven (7) days. Prior to

1 leaving the site, stormwater runoff shall pass through a sediment pond or
2 sediment trap, or other appropriate BMPs.

3 E. Protection of Water Bodies and Adjacent Properties. Water bodies and
4 properties adjacent to the site shall be protected from sediment deposition by
5 appropriate use of BMPs. Prior to leaving sites larger than one (1) acre,
6 stormwater runoff shall pass through a sediment pond, sediment trap, or other
7 appropriate BMP designed in accordance with the BMP manual. Sediment traps
8 alone are not adequate on sites greater than three (3) acres. BMPs shall be
9 selected, designed and maintained in accordance with the BMP manual.

10 F. Timing of Sediment Trapping Measures. Sediment ponds and traps, perimeter
11 dikes, sediment barriers, and other BMPs intended to trap sediment on-site shall
12 be constructed as a first step in grading. These BMPs shall be stabilized and
13 functional before land disturbing activities take place. Earthen structures such as
14 dams, dikes, and diversions shall be seeded and mulched according to the
15 timing indicated in **Section 13.29.410 (D)**.

16 G. Infiltration System Protection. Permanent infiltration systems shall be isolated
17 and protected from sedimentation by sediment traps, sacrificial systems,
18 duplicate systems, or redundant systems.

19 H. Controlling Off-Site Erosion. Properties and waterways downstream from
20 development sites shall be protected from erosion due to increases in the
21 volume, velocity, and peak flow rate of stormwater runoff from the project site.
22 Acceptable BMPs include temporary or permanent detention ponds and
23 temporary infiltration BMPs limiting the discharge from a 2-year storm to one-half
24 (1/2) the pre-development 2-year storm peak runoff rate.

25 I. Stabilization of Temporary Conveyance Channels and Outlets. All temporary on-
26 site conveyance channels shall be designed, constructed and stabilized to
27 prevent erosion from the expected velocity of flow from a 2-year, 24-hour
28 frequency storm for the developed condition. Stabilization adequate to prevent
29 erosion of outlets, adjacent streambanks, slopes and downstream reaches shall
30 be provided at the outlets of all conveyance systems.

31 BMPs shall be selected, designed and maintained in accordance with the BMP
32 manual. Outlet protection shall also include energy dissipation structures or
33 devices that retard peak flows to non-erosive conditions.

34 J. Storm Drain Inlet Protection. All storm drain inlets shall be protected so that
35 stormwater runoff shall not enter the conveyance system without first being
36 filtered or otherwise treated to remove sediment. BMPs shall be selected,
37 designed and maintained in accordance with the BMP manual. Other BMPs may
38 be utilized, provided they have prior approval by the Director.

39 K. Maintenance. All erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be inspected,
40 maintained and repaired as needed to ensure continued performance of their
41 intended function. Maintenance and repair shall be conducted in accordance
42 with the BMP manual or approved site plan. A maintenance log for private
43 facilities shall be provided and kept as a permanent record. The maintenance log

shall be in a designated on-site location. Uncompleted construction sites shall be inspected at least once a week and after each rainfall and shall be repaired if needed. An inspection log shall be maintained from the beginning of construction until the completion of the warranty period and final project inspection.

L. Underground Utility Construction. The construction of underground utility lines shall be subject to the following criteria:

1. Where feasible, no more than 500 feet of trench shall be opened at one time.
2. Excavated material shall be placed to minimize runoff into the trench and adjacent roadway consistent with safety and space considerations;
3. Trench dewatering devices shall discharge into a sediment trap or sediment pond;
4. BMPs shall be used to control erosion during and after construction;
5. BMPs damaged during construction shall be replaced or repaired; and
6. An erosion control plan specifically related to underground work shall be submitted and approved prior to beginning work.

M. Construction Site Dewatering. Dewatering devices shall discharge into a sediment trap or sediment pond.

N. Control of Pollutants Other Than Sediment on Construction Sites. All pollutants other than sediment that occur on-site during development shall be handled and disposed of in a manner that does not cause contamination of stormwater.

O. Removal of Temporary BMPs. All temporary erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be removed within 30 days after final site stabilization is achieved or after the temporary BMPs are no longer needed. Trapped sediment shall be removed or stabilized on site. Disturbed soil areas resulting from removal shall be permanently stabilized.

P. Cut and Fill Slopes. Cut and fill slopes shall be designed and constructed in a manner that will minimize erosion. In addition, slopes shall be stabilized in accordance with **Section 13.29.410 (D)**.

Q. If the BMPs approved and applied to a site are insufficient to prevent sediment from reaching water bodies, adjacent properties, or public rights-of-way, additional BMPs shall be implemented immediately by the property owner, person undertaking the activity, or permit holder.

13.29.420 Signage

Erosion control signage approved by the Director shall be installed at each point of entry for any subdivision or short plat prior to issuance of provisional acceptance by the County. Signs may be purchased from the County. Removal of signage shall occur no sooner than the latter of: Certificates of Occupancy have been issued for seventy

percent (70%) of the lots; or there being less than ten (10) unoccupied lots remain within the development or as determined by the Director.

13.29.430 Contractor Certification

Effective January 1, 2001, all development activities performed by licensed contractors shall be supervised by an individual who shall have successfully completed formal training in erosion and sediment control during construction by a recognized organization acceptable to the director. A certification of successful completion of such training shall be submitted at the pre-construction conference. This shall not apply to residential home owners constructing their own development activity.

13.29.440 Financial Liability

The owner constructing the facility shall maintain a liability policy in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) which shall name Clark County, Washington as an additional insured, and which shall protect Clark County from any liability up to that amount for any accident, negligence, failure of facilities, or any other liability whatsoever, relating to the construction or maintenance of the facilities. The liability policy shall be maintained by the owner of the facilities commencing at the start of construction and continuing until final acceptance. The Director may approve other forms of surety.

ARTICLE V. PLAN SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

13.29.500 General

- A. All applicants proposing development activities and redevelopment governed by this chapter shall submit the plans, studies, and information as provided herein.
- B. Signatures. All plans, studies, and reports shall be stamped, signed and dated by the professional civil engineer(s), registered in the state of Washington, and registered soil scientist, if appropriate, responsible for their preparation, and by the project engineer responsible for preparation of the preliminary stormwater plan.

13.29.510 Abbreviated Preliminary Stormwater Plan Submittals.

An abbreviated preliminary stormwater plan is allowed for certain projects specified in **Section 13.29.210**. All maps shall contain a scale and north arrow. Insuring the accuracy of all the information is the applicant's responsibility. Abbreviated Preliminary Stormwater Plan Submittals shall include:

- A. Vicinity Maps. All vicinity maps shall clearly show the site of the development activity or drainage project.
- B. Site Location Map. Minimum USGS (one to twenty-four thousand (1:24,000) Quadrangle Topographic Map showing natural and man-made drainage features adjacent to site including existing and proposed (if known) stormwater facilities.

- 1 C. Other Maps. The following additional vicinity maps shall be required in the
2 situations noted below:
- 3 1. Floodplains. If a floodplain mapped by FEMA exists on or adjacent to the
4 site.
- 5 2. Shoreline Management Area. If the site contains or is adjacent to a
6 stream or lake regulated under the State Shorelines Management Act.
- 7 D. A Preliminary Development Plan meeting the requirements of **Section 13.29.550**.
8 Additional Site and Vicinity Information.
- 9 1. If wetlands exist on the site and will be impacted by the proposal, a
10 wetland delineation report (**Section 13.36.230**) may be required.
- 11 2. If unstable or complex soil conditions exist which may significantly impact
12 the design of the stormwater facilities, the director may require a
13 preliminary soils report to be completed that addresses stormwater design
14 considerations arising from soil conditions.
- 15 3. The director may require additional site or vicinity information if needed to
16 determine the feasibility of the stormwater proposal.
- 17 E. Preliminary Stormwater Design Report. A written narrative shall be required to
18 accompany the preliminary stormwater plan. The narrative shall describe the
19 methods for meeting the requirements of this chapter and include the following
20 information:
- 21 1. Listing of approximate volumes of runoff storage required;
- 22 2. Listing of tested percolation rates at sites to be used for infiltration, if
23 required;
- 24 3. Listing of proposed BMPs which will meet the treatment requirements of
25 this chapter and are appropriate for the site;
- 26 4. Description of the approximate size and location of stormwater facilities on
27 the site;
- 28 5. Discussion of who will maintain the facility(s) after completion and
29 proposed method of funding if the facility(s) will be privately maintained;
30 and
- 31 6. Listing of additional permits (e.g., wetland, floodplain, and shoreline
32 management permits) that may be required in connection with the
33 stormwater facilities.

34 **13.29.520 Preliminary Stormwater Plan Submittals.**

- 35 A. Purpose. The purpose of this plan is to determine whether a proposal can meet
36 the requirements set forth in this chapter. The preliminary stormwater plan shall
37 identify how stormwater runoff originating on the site or flowing through the site is
38 presently controlled and how this will change due to the proposed development
39 activity, redevelopment, or drainage project. If the site is within the region

covered by a basin plan pursuant to this chapter, then the information needed in the preliminary plan is reduced. All maps shall contain a scale and north arrow.

B. Types of Development Activity and Redevelopment. A preliminary stormwater plan is required for all development activities not exempted by **Article II** and the following activities:

1. Short plats and
2. Subdivisions;
3. Site plan reviews;
4. Planned unit developments;
5. Conditional uses meeting the applicability requirements of Section 13.29.200; and
6. Master plan developments.

C. Timing.

1. A preliminary stormwater plan shall be submitted with the land use application.
2. A land use application shall be considered “fully complete” from the standpoint of stormwater information when a preliminary stormwater plan meeting the submittal requirements of this chapter is provided.
3. To insure adequate public review and avoid multiple reviews of preliminary plans by county staff, the preliminary stormwater plan shall not be significantly modified after public notice of the final SEPA determination without issuance of a new SEPA determination.

D. Contents. The preliminary stormwater plan submittal shall be prepared in the standardized format described below. **13.29**The purpose of this standardized format is to promote a quick and efficient review of required information. The project engineer shall include a statement that all information required by this ordinance is included in the preliminary stormwater plan and that the proposed stormwater facilities are feasible. All maps shall contain a scale and north arrow. Insuring the accuracy of all the information is the applicant’s responsibility.

1. Vicinity Maps. All vicinity maps shall clearly show the site of the development activity, redevelopment, or drainage project.
2. Site Location Map. Minimum USGS (one to twenty-four thousand (1:24,000) Quadrangle Topographic Map showing (and labeling where appropriate):
 - a. Contributing drainage areas and acreage both on-site and off-site; and
 - b. Natural and man-made drainage features adjacent to site including existing and proposed (if known) stormwater facilities;
3. Soils Map.

- 1 a. The soils map shall show soils within the contributing area draining
2 to the site and the site itself. Copies of Clark County soil survey
3 maps may be used; however, if the maps do not appear to
4 accurately represent the soils for a site, the applicant is responsible
5 for verifying the actual soil types existing on a site.
- 6 b. Where unstable or complex soil conditions exist which may
7 significantly impact the design of stormwater facilities, the director
8 may require a preliminary soils report to be completed that
9 addresses stormwater design considerations arising from soil
10 conditions. The preliminary soils report shall be prepared by a
11 registered professional engineer proficient in geo-technical
12 investigation and engineering, or a registered soil scientist. The
13 preliminary soils report shall include a soils map, developed using
14 the criteria set in the USDA, SCS National Soils Handbook and
15 USDA, SCS Title 430 Soil Survey Manual at a minimum scale of
16 one to five thousand (1:5,000) (12.7 in/mi.).
- 17 4. Other Maps. The following additional vicinity maps shall be required in the
18 situations noted below:
- 19 a. Conveyance System. If a surface water discharge of stormwater is
20 proposed from the site, a map showing the conveyance system
21 downstream to a point where the stormwater enters a stream,
22 wetland, or other natural water body shall be required.
- 23 b. Wellhead Protection. If the site lies within the ten (10) year “zone of
24 contribution” of a public water supply well, maps showing all the
25 zones of contribution that overlap the site are required.
- 26 c. Floodplains. If a floodplain mapped by FEMA exists on or adjacent
27 to the site, a map showing the floodplain is required.
- 28 d. Shoreline Management Area. If the site contains or is adjacent to a
29 stream or lake regulated under the State Shorelines Management
30 Act, a map showing the boundary of the shoreline management
31 area in relation to the site is required.
- 32 5. A preliminary development plan meeting the requirements of **Section**
33 **13.29.550**.
- 34 6. Preliminary Stormwater Design Report. A written narrative shall be
35 required to accompany the preliminary stormwater plan. The narrative
36 shall describe the methods for meeting the requirements of this chapter
37 and include the following information:
- 38 a. Description of on-site hydrologic soil groups and their suitability for
39 the proposed design and verification of soil conditions through field
40 reconnaissance (to the maximum extent practicable);
- 41 b. Identification of the approximate amount of new impervious surface
42 contemplated for the proposal;

- c. Identification of where runoff characteristics will be altered, e.g., where runoff curve numbers will be revised by the proposed development;
 - d. Discussion of how on-site conveyance system design will provide for ultimate build-out of the upstream area based on the maximum density achievable under the Clark County comprehensive plan, if applicable;
 - e. Listing of approximate volumes of runoff storage required;
 - f. Listing of tested percolation rates at sites to be used for infiltration, if required;
 - g. Listing of proposed BMPs which will meet the treatment requirements of this chapter and are appropriate for the site;
 - h. Description of the approximate size and location of stormwater facilities on the site;
 - i. For agricultural sites with drain tiles, a discussion of the impact of construction on the drain tiles and site drainage and the impact of the drainage tiles on proposed stormwater facilities;
 - j. Discussion of who will maintain the facility(s) after completion and the proposed method of funding for maintenance, if the facility(s) will be privately maintained; and
 - k. Listing of additional permits (e.g., wetland, floodplain, and shoreline management permits) that may be required in connection with the stormwater facilities.
- E. Modification of Content Requirements. The director may waive in writing some or all of the content requirements in the preliminary stormwater plan if:
1. The development activity or drainage project is included in an approved final stormwater plan which meets the requirements of this chapter; or
 2. A basin plan exists that makes some of the information irrelevant.
- The waiver of some or all of the preliminary stormwater control plan does not relieve the applicant of a final stormwater control plan.
- F. Review and Approval. For proposals connected with a land use application requiring a public hearing, the preliminary stormwater plan shall be heard and decided in accordance with the procedures applicable to the land use application. All other preliminary stormwater plans shall be acted on by the director within thirty (30) days following submittal of a preliminary stormwater plan meeting the submittal requirements of this chapter.
- G. Appeals. Preliminary stormwater plan decisions may be appealed in conjunction with the associated land use application.

1 **13.29.530 Final Stormwater Plan Submittals**

- 2 A. Purpose. The final stormwater plan provides final engineering design and
3 construction drawings for the stormwater aspects of a proposed development
4 activity, redevelopment, or drainage project.
- 5 B. Timing. The final stormwater plan is required and must be approved by the
6 director prior to beginning construction related to a development activity,
7 redevelopment, or drainage project.
- 8 C. Contents. The final stormwater plan shall include the following:
- 9 1. An engineer's estimate of the cost for surveying and engineering to
10 complete the record drawing(s) is required prior to site plan approval.
- 11 2. An escrow, letter of credit, cashier's check, or other acceptable form of
12 guarantee is required from the applicant or applicant's representative for
13 one hundred ten percent (110%) of the engineer's estimate identified in
14 subsection (C)(1) above. Bonds are not acceptable instruments.
- 15 3. Any easements, covenants or agreements that are necessary to permit
16 construction must be included.
- 17 4. The approved preliminary stormwater plan with an explanation of any
18 differences between the design concepts included in the preliminary
19 stormwater plan and the final engineering plans. A final stormwater plan
20 which differs from the approved preliminary stormwater plan in a manner
21 that, in the opinion of the director, raises material water quality or quantity
22 control issues, shall, if subject to SEPA, require another SEPA
23 determination, and a post decision review in accordance with Section
24 18.600.110.
- 25 5. Final engineering plans that provide sufficient detail to allow construction
26 of the stormwater facilities. These plans shall be stamped, signed and
27 dated by the engineer (s) registered in the state of Washington,
28 responsible for hydrologic, hydraulic, geo-technical, structural and general
29 civil engineering design and by the project engineer responsible for the
30 preparation of the final stormwater plan. Additionally, the final engineering
31 plan shall show all utilities to insure conflicts between proposed utility lines
32 do not exist.
- 33 6. The offsite analysis required under 13.29.305 (B)
- 34 7. A final development plan meeting the requirements of Section 13.29.550.
- 35 8. A Technical Information Report
- 36 D. Technical Information Report (TIR). The TIR shall be a comprehensive report,
37 supplemental to the final engineering plans, containing all technical information
38 and analysis necessary to complete final water quality and quantity engineering
39 plans based on sound engineering practices and appropriate geo-technical,
40 hydrologic, hydraulic and water quality design. The TIR shall be stamped, signed
41 and dated by the professional engineer(s), registered in the State of Washington,

1 responsible for hydrologic, hydraulic, geo-technical, structural and general civil
2 engineering design. The level of detail in the TIR is dependent on the complexity
3 and size of the development activity. The TIR, which is part of the final
4 stormwater plan, shall contain the following information:

- 5 1. Table of Contents.
 - 6 a. List section headings and their respective page numbers;
 - 7 b. List of tables with page numbers;
 - 8 c. List of figures with page numbers;
 - 9 d. List of attachments, numbered;
 - 10 e. List of references.
- 11 2. Site Location Map. The site location map (minimum USGS one to twenty-
12 four thousand (1:24,000) Quadrangle Topographic Map) shall be as
13 required for the preliminary stormwater plan, updated to reflect additional
14 data or revisions to concepts established in preliminary stormwater plan.
- 15 3. Soils Map. A soils map as required for the preliminary stormwater plan.
- 16 4. Section A—Project Overview.
 - 17 a. Identify and discuss existing stormwater system functions;
 - 18 b. Identify and discuss site parameters influencing stormwater system
19 design;
 - 20 c. Describe drainage to and from adjacent properties; and
 - 21 d. Generally describe proposed site construction, size of
22 improvements, and proposed methods of mitigating stormwater
23 runoff quantity and quality impacts.
- 24 5. Section B—Approval Conditions Summary. List each preliminary approval
25 condition related to stormwater control, wetlands, floodplains, and other
26 water-related issues and explain how design addresses or conforms to
27 each condition.
- 28 6. Section D—Quantity Control Analysis and Design.
 - 29 a. Hydrologic analysis, existing and developed conditions.
 - 30 i. Identify criteria used in completing analyses and their
31 sources;
 - 32 ii. Identify and discuss any assumptions made in completing
33 analysis;
 - 34 iii. Tabulate acreage; imperviousness; curve number; length
35 and grade of overland, pipe and channel flow; and other
36 hydrologic parameters used in completing analyses;
 - 37 iv. Complete detailed hydrologic analysis for existing and
38 developed site conditions in accordance with the

requirements of Section 13.29.210 (A)(7). Compute existing and developed peak flows and volumes for the design storms for all sub-basins. Refer to labeled points shown on the site location map and development plan;

- v. Include and reference all hydrologic and hydraulic computations in the technical appendix; and
- vi. Include all maps, exhibits, graphics and references used to determine existing and developed site hydrology.

b. Quantity Control System Design.

- i. Reference conceptual design proposed in the preliminary stormwater plan;
- ii. Identify revisions to conceptual design contained within the final engineering plans;
- iii. Identify and discuss geo-technical or pedological study or information used in completing analysis and design;
- iv. Identify criteria used in completing analyses and their sources;
- v. Identify initial conditions including stream base flows, beginning water surface elevations, hydraulic or energy grade lines, initial groundwater elevation, beginning storage volumes, and other data or assumptions used to determine initial conditions in order to complete analyses, referencing sources of information;
- vi. Identify and discuss any assumptions used in completing analysis;
- vii. Complete detailed hydrologic/hydraulic analysis of all on-site stormwater control facilities impacted by the proposal, in accordance with the requirements of Section 13.29.310. Compute inflow and outflow hydrographs and peak flows and storage volumes. Reference conveyance and stormwater control facilities to labeled points shown on the development plan;
- viii. Tabulate existing and proposed peak flows and storage volumes;
- ix. Include and reference all hydrologic and hydraulic computations, equations, rating curves, stage/storage/discharge tables, graphs and any other aides necessary to clearly show methodology and results in the technical appendix;
- x. Summarize results of quantity control system analyses and describe how the proposed design meets the requirements

- of this chapter; and
- xi. Include all maps, exhibits, graphics and references used to complete quantity control system analysis and design.
- c. Quantity Control System Plan.
- i. Provide illustrative sketch of quantity control facility and its appurtenances;
- ii. Show basic measurements necessary to confirm storage volumes;
- iii. Show all orifice, weir and flow restrictor dimensions and elevations;
- iv. Tabulate peak flow rates, storage volumes and ponding elevations for all design storms;
- v. Sketch shall correspond with final engineering plans. Alternatively, final site grading plan incorporating the above information may be included as an attachment to the final stormwater plan.
7. Section E—Conveyance Systems Analysis and Design.
- a. Reference conceptual drainage design proposed in the preliminary stormwater plan;
- b. Identify revisions to conceptual drainage design contained within the final stormwater plan;
- c. Identify criteria used in completing analyses and their sources;
- d. Identify and discuss initial conditions including stream base flows, beginning water surface elevations, hydraulic or energy grade lines, beginning storage elevations, and other data or assumptions used to determine initial conditions in order to complete analyses. Reference sources of information;
- e. Identify and discuss assumptions used in completing analyses;
- f. Complete detailed hydraulic analysis of all proposed collection and conveyance system elements and existing collection and conveyance elements influencing the design or impacted by the proposal, including outfall structures and outlet protection, in accordance with **Section 13.29.310**. Compute and tabulate design flows and velocities and conveyance element capacities for all conveyance elements within the development. Compute existing one hundred (100) year floodplain elevations and lateral limits for all channels, and verify no net loss of conveyance or storage capacity from development. Reference conveyance system elements to labeled points shown on the site location map or development plan;

- 1 g. Verify capacity of each conveyance system element to convey
2 design flow and discharge at non-erosive velocities. Verify capacity
3 of on-site conveyance system to convey design flows resulting from
4 ultimate build-out of upstream areas;
- 5 h. Include and reference all hydraulic computations, equations, pipe
6 flow tables, flow profile computations, charts, nomographs, detail
7 drawings and other tabular or graphic aids used to design and
8 confirm performance of conveyance systems in the technical
9 appendix;
- 10 i. Summarize results of system analyses and describe how the
11 proposed design meets the requirements of this chapter.
- 12 8. Section F—Water Quality Design.
- 13 a. Reference conceptual water quality design proposed in the
14 preliminary stormwater plan;
- 15 b. Identify revisions to conceptual water quality design contained
16 within the final stormwater plan;
- 17 c. Identify geo-technical or soils study or other information used in
18 completing analysis and design;
- 19 d. Identify best management practices used in design and their
20 sources;
- 21 e. Identify and discuss initial conditions including groundwater
22 elevations, beginning storage elevations, and other data or
23 assumptions used to determine initial conditions in order to
24 complete analyses. Reference sources of information;
- 25 f. Identify and discuss assumptions used in completing analysis;
- 26 g. Complete detailed analysis and design of all proposed water quality
27 system elements in accordance with **Section 13.29.310**. Reference
28 water quality system elements to labeled points shown on the site
29 location map or development plan;
- 30 h. Include and reference all computations, equations, charts,
31 nomographs, detail drawings and other tabular or graphic aids used
32 to design water quality system elements in the technical appendix;
- 33 i. Summarize results of water quality design and describe how the
34 proposed design meets the requirements of this chapter.
- 35 9. Section G—Soils Evaluation.
- 36 a. Identify on-site soil types and their erosive potential and discuss
37 their suitability for implementation of proposed best management
38 practices (BMPs) and quantity control facilities;
- 39 b. Identify seasonal high water table elevations in cases where this
40 will impact the stormwater facilities;

- c. Identify and discuss soil parameters and design methods for use in hydrologic and hydraulic design of proposed facilities;
- d. Report findings of testing and analysis used to determine the infiltration rate.

10. Section H—Special Reports and Studies. Where specific site characteristics, such as steep slopes, wetlands and sites located in wellhead protection areas pose difficult drainage and water quality design problems, the director may require additional information or the preparation of special reports and studies which further address the specific site characteristics, the potential for impacts associated with the development, and the measures which would be implemented to mitigate impacts. Special reports shall be prepared by professional persons with expertise in the particular area of analysis, who shall date, sign, stamp and otherwise certify the report. Subjects of special reports may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Geo-technical/pedological;
- b. Wetlands;
- c. Floodplains and floodways;
- d. Groundwater;
- e. Structural design;
- f. Fluvial geomorphology (erosion and deposition).
- g. All special reports and studies shall be included in the technical appendix, or as an attachment to the TIR.

11. Section I—Other Permits. Construction of roads and stormwater facilities may require additional water-related permits from other agencies. These additional permits may contain requirements that impact design of the stormwater system. This section shall list the titles of all other required permits, the agencies requiring the permits, and identify the permit requirements, if known, that affect the final stormwater plan. Approved permits that are critical to the feasibility of the stormwater facility design shall be included in this section. Examples of other permits are as follows:

- a. Clark County wetland permit;
- b. On-site sewage disposal: Southwest Washington Health Department or Washington Department of Health;
- c. Developer/local agency agreement: Washington State Department of Transportation;
- d. Short-term water quality modification approval: Washington State Department of Ecology;
- e. Hydraulic project approval: Washington State Departments of Fisheries and Wildlife;

- f. Dam safety permit: Washington State Department of Ecology;
 - g. Section 10, 404, and 103 Permits: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
 - h. Surface mining reclamation permits: Washington State Department of Natural Resources;
 - i. Clark County floodplain permit;
 - j. Clark County shoreline management permit
 - k. Clark County habitat permit.
 12. Section J—Groundwater Monitoring Program. Where required under [Section 13.29.305](#), a groundwater monitoring program shall be included in the final stormwater plan. The groundwater monitoring program shall be prepared by person with expertise in groundwater contamination investigation, prevention and monitoring, and shall clearly describe a comprehensive groundwater testing and evaluation program designed to ensure compliance with federal and state of Washington laws and the requirements of this chapter. Proposed groundwater monitoring programs will be reviewed by the director on a site-specific basis.
 13. Section K—Maintenance and Operations Manual. For each stormwater control or treatment facility that is to be privately maintained and for those which constitute an experimental system under [Section 13.29.340](#) to be maintained by the county, the project engineer shall prepare maintenance and operations manual. The manual, which may be brief, shall be clearly written in an orderly and concise format that clearly describes the design and operation of the facility. The manual shall also provide an outline of required maintenance tasks with recommended frequencies at which each task should be performed. Use of the maintenance procedures outlined in the BMP Manual for various BMPs is encouraged.
 14. Section L—Technical Appendix. All technical information reports shall contain a technical appendix, including all computations completed in the preparation of the TIR together with copies of referenced data, charts, graphs, nomographs, hydrographs, maps, exhibits, and all other information required to clearly describe the stormwater runoff quantity and quality design for the proposed development activity. The format of the technical appendix shall follow as closely as possible the section format of the TIR, and shall be adequately cross-referenced to ensure that the design may be easily followed, checked and verified. The technical appendix shall also contain all special reports and studies, other than those included as attachments to the TIR.
- E. Modification of Content Requirements. The director may waive, in writing, some of the content requirements in the final stormwater plan if:
1. The development activity, redevelopment, or drainage project is included in an approved final stormwater plan which meets the requirements of this chapter and the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the director

- 1 that the applicable provisions of the previously approved final stormwater
2 plan will be met; or
- 3 2. The director determines, upon receipt of a letter of request from the
4 applicant, that less information is required to accomplish the purposes of
5 this chapter; or
- 6 3. A basin plan exists that makes some of the information irrelevant.
- 7 F. Review and Approval.
- 8 1. Final stormwater plans shall be reviewed in accordance with the Type I
9 review process in accordance with Clark County Code Chapter 18.600.
- 10 2. All final stormwater plans require approval by the director. Approval is only
11 for conformance with Clark County standards and does not relieve the
12 engineer of record of responsibility for the design.
- 13 3. Approval of final stormwater plans does not relieve the applicant from the
14 obligation to comply with this chapter and does not prevent the county
15 from recovering for defective work or violation of this chapter.
- 16 **13.29.540 Erosion Control Plans**
- 17 A. Small Parcel Developments.
- 18 1. Any person or entity undertaking a small parcel development shall agree
19 to implement a small parcel development erosion control plan, provided
20 by the county, which shall address the small parcel development
21 requirements in **Section 13.29.400** of this chapter.
- 22 2. Small parcel developments are not required to submit preliminary erosion
23 control plans unless they are conducting land disturbing activities within
24 an erosion hazard area.
- 25 3. Applicants may find “A Builder’s Guide to Erosion Prevention & Sediment
26 Control”, published by Clark County Home Builders Association, a useful
27 reference for implementation.
- 28 B. Large Parcel Developments. Any person or entity undertaking a large parcel
29 development shall prepare and implement a large parcel development erosion
30 control plan which shall address the large parcel development requirements in
31 **Section 13.29.410** of this chapter.
- 32 C. Erosion Control Plan
- 33 1. An erosion control plan shall be submitted and approved prior to any
34 person undertaking any land disturbing activity subject to this section.
35 The erosion control plan shall be stamped by an engineer licensed in the
36 State of Washington and shall be submitted with the final stormwater plan.
37 Any revised plan shall be a refinement of the prior approved final erosion
38 control plan clearly showing any changes or revisions.

- 1 2. Content. The erosion control plan shall include a description of the
2 following:
- 3 a. The BMPs that will be utilized to achieve compliance with the
4 requirements of this chapter.
- 5 b. The timing of installation of BMPs and installation techniques.
- 6 c. The phasing of construction activities.
- 7 d. Protection of project improvements from erosion and
8 sedimentation.
- 9 e. The construction of employee parking and equipment storage
10 areas.
- 11 f. The effect of weather on the project and temporary stoppages.
- 12 g. An inspection log shall be provided to note any changes from the
13 approved plan.
- 14 h. The location, sizes, and other design features of the proposed
15 BMPs to be applied to the site;
- 16 i. A maintenance schedule for insuring the BMPs continue to function
17 until the site is revegetated and stable; and
- 18 j. A contingency plan discussing additional BMPs to be applied if
19 proposed BMPs fail or are insufficient to control erosion.
- 20 k. Provisions for final stabilization prior to completion.
- 21 l. “Grading” Any grading to occur in conjunction with a development
22 activity or redevelopment shall, in addition to requirements of this
23 Chapter, be designed in accordance with and meet the
24 requirements of Chapter 33: Excavation & Grading of the Uniform
25 Building Code
- 26 D. Submittals. Erosion control plans shall be submitted, approved and implemented
27 for all large parcel development activities and for small parcel development
28 conducting land disturbing activities within an erosion hazard area.

29 **13.29.550 Development Plans.**

- 30 A. Preliminary development plan shall show the character of the existing site and
31 proposed features, including but not limited to:
- 32 1. Existing and proposed property boundaries, easements and rights-of-way;
- 33 2. Existing and proposed contours with a two (2) foot maximum contour
34 interval, unless the director determines a lesser interval is sufficient to
35 show drainage patterns. Grading shall conform to the requirements of
36 Chapter 33 of the Uniform Building Code;
- 37 3. Existing on-site water wells, known agricultural drain tiles, areas of
38 potential slope instability, structures, utilities, and septic tanks and drain-

1 fields;

- 2 4. Location of the one hundred (100) year floodplain and floodways and
3 shoreline management area limits on the site;
- 4 5. Proposed impervious surfaces outside of single-family residential lots;
- 5 6. Existing water resource features on and adjacent to the site including
6 streams, wetlands, springs, sinks and stormwater facilities;
- 7 7. Existing and proposed drainage flow routes and existing discharge points
8 to and from the site; and
- 9 8. Approximate location and size of proposed stormwater facilities, including
10 typical cross-sections of proposed facilities.
- 11 9. If wetlands exist on the site and will be impacted by the proposal, a
12 wetland delineation report (Section 13.36.230) shall be required.
- 13 10. Water table elevations, flow directions (where available), and data on
14 seasonal water table fluctuations with minimum and maximum water table
15 elevations (where available) shall be required.
- 16 11. For sloping sites, a conceptual grading plan verifying the constructability
17 of a stormwater facility shall be required.
- 18 12. The director may require additional site or vicinity information if needed to
19 determine the feasibility of the stormwater proposal.

20 B. Final development plans shall be consistent with the preliminary stormwater
21 plan. Final development plans may be combined with the final engineering
22 plans. In addition to the information required of preliminary development plans,
23 the following information is required:

- 24 1. Delineate sub-basins and show sub-basin acreage used in
25 hydraulic/hydrologic calculations both on-site and off-site that contribute
26 surface runoff.
- 27 2. Show directions and lengths of overland, pipe and channel flow;
- 28 3. Indicated outfall points and overflow routes for the one hundred (100) year
29 storm; and
- 30 4. Show storage volumes, pipe and weir invert elevations, and lengths of
31 weir for stormwater control facilities.
- 32 5. The director may require additional site or vicinity information if needed to
33 determine the feasibility of the stormwater proposal.

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